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Rehabilitation of persons displaced due to National Test Range, Baliapal

5972. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to State:

(a) whether the Government have since prepared a revised and comprehensive plan for the rehabilitation of the persons to be displaced at Baliapal, Orrissa for the setting up of the National Test Range; and

(b) if so, the details thereof with estimated cost?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b). A Comprehensive rehailitation plan for families likely to be displaced from National Range site was prepared in 1986. It covers resettlement of displaced families in model villages and providing them employment opportunities in special shcemes to be set up for this purpose. The overall cost of rehabilitation plan was estimated to be Rs. 172 crores. This plan has not been revised.

House rent allowance for Central Government Employees in Lakshadweep

5973. SHRI P.M. SAYEED: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Lakshdweep has been classified as an expensive locality as per the provisions of service Rule 51;

(b) whether the Travelling Allowance and Dearness Allowance are paid to the Central Government employees in Lakshdweep under the above rule;

(c) whether the House Rent allowance is paid to these employees at non-classified rates;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government propose to raise the rate of the House Rent Allowance for the Central Government employees in Lakshdweep as allowed in the expensive localities; and

(f) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) and (b). Under Rule 51 of the Supplementary Rules, Lakshadweep has been classified as expensive territory for purposes of Travelling Allowance and Daily Allowance only.

(c) and (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

(e) and (f) As per extent criterion, the cities/towns are classified for the purposes of the House Rent Allowance on the basis of their population as reflected in the decennial census and not on the basis of expensiveness of any place.

Export of Iron ore to Japan

5974. SHRI ARVIND NETAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the agreement was signed between India and Japan last year to export iron ore from Bailadila iron ore mines;

(b) if so, the details of the agreement alongwith the period for which it is valid and the rates prescribed for the export of iron ore; and

(c) the foreign exchange earned during the first six months after the agreement was signed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a). Yes, Sir.

(b) The agreement is valid for a period of 5 years commencing from April, 1991.The sale prices under the agreement are to be fixed every year after negotiations. The sale prices for the year 1991-92 are as nder:-

(i) Bailadila Lumps : US $ 25.99/DLI F.O.B. Vizag

(ii) Bailadila Fines : US $ 20.91/DLI F.O.B. Vizag

(c) Foreign Exchange earned from exports of Bailadila ore to Japan during April-Agst,1991 is US $ 41.55 million.

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D.T.C. Depot-Cum-Terminus in Yamuna Vihar

5975. SHRI B.L. SHARMA PREM: Will the Minister of SRFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a D.T.C. depot-cum-terminus is situated in the middle of Yamuna vihar;

(b) if so, the reasons why no bus services have been provided fromthere for the residents , amjority of whom are forced to walk over two kms. either to Gokipri or Babrpur to catch a bus; and

(c) whether the D.T.C. plan to start some routes from this point to ameliorate the difficulties of the residents of this area and if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a). Yes, Sir.

(b) it is not correct that the residents of Yamuna vihar have to walk over two kms. for availing the services of D.T.C. Presently, 5 trips are provided from Yamna Vihar C-9 and 2 trips Yamuna-Vihar C-4 Block. Besides, 17 trips pass via Yamuna Vihar C-4 Main Road.

(c) Presently, there is no proposal to start more trips because of fleet constraints.

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Construction of Building for Industrial Development Bank of India

5976. SHRI MOHAN RAWLE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a building for the Industrial Development Bank of India has been constrcted at Cafe Parade, Bombay;

(b) if so, the date on which the construction of this buildng was started and when it was completed;

(c) what was the orginal estimate for the construction of this building;

(d) whether the total amount spent on the constrction of this building is more than the original estimate; and

(e) the details of the amount spent thereon and the jstification therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a). The Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) has reported that a building constructed by M. Visvewaraya Industrial and Research Development Centre (MVIRDC) at Cuffe Parade has been taken by IDBI on lease for 60 years.

(b) The construction estimated of the building was started in April,1984 and it was completed in March, 1989.

(c) The original estimated cost of the building was Rs. 32.52 crores.